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For: Apparatus Comprising Expandable Bistable

Tubulars and Methods For Their Use In

Wellbores

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment **Commissioner for Patents** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir:

This paper is submitted as a preliminary amendment to the application filed herewith. Please amend the claims as shown below before calculation of the filing fee.

The amendments are made in a new format. This format is approved by the notice dated January 31, 2003, titled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted," published on the web site of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

If an extension of time is required to enable this paper to be timely filed and there is no separate Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, this paper is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for a period of time sufficient to enable this document to be timely filed.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Schlumberger Technology Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0457.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.